

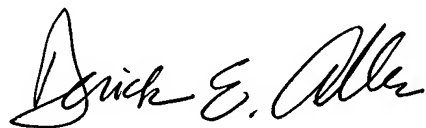
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the claim amendments noted above, prior to examination of the application being filed concurrently herewith.

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-23 and 42-64 are pending. Claims 4-16 and 19-23 have been amended and claims 42-64 have been added for the purpose of removing multiple claim dependencies. Additionally, claims 24-41 have been canceled. Applicants hereby reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a divisional application during the pendency of this application.

It is believed that the filing fees are to be calculated based on the claims as presented herein. Accordingly, a check in the amount of \$2,600.00 is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is however hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derick E. Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Derick" being more prominent.

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